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Manpower Shortage in Air Traffic Management
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has engaged a global consultant to study the long term manpower requirement to manage air traffic;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the study has been completed and report submitted;

(e) if so, the details of the report and the time by which the report is likely to be implemented;

(f) whether in order to meet the current and future requirement i.e. to cope with the growing requirement of airspace and air traffic management, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has approved creation of additional posts of ATCOs in various grades and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of manpower in air traffic management?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): No, Madam.

(b) to (e): Yes, Madam, Washington Consultancy Group (WCG) were engaged by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to study the long term man-power requirement to manage air traffic. The study has been completed and the report was submitted in December, 2011. As per this report, the requirement of ATCOs up to the year 2020 is 3599. The WCG report was reviewed by AAI and replaced it with Air Traffic Management (ATM) Staffing Policy and Guidelines in November, 2015 which is implemented in a phased manner and inducted 169 ATCOs in 2015.

(f): Yes, Madam. The AAI Board has approved creation of 680, 420 and 308 posts for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

(g): In order to cope up with the growing requirement of airspace and air traffic management, the Ministry regularly monitors the functioning of AAI.